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WEATHER

Temperatures were above normal for the entire period with departures averaging 4-11 degrees above normal. Rainfall was quite sparse over the western portion of the State. Over the central and north-east portions, one to two inches of rainfall were common.

CROPS

Continued rainy weather kept farmers out of fields in the eastern part of the State again this past week. Other areas of the State experienced limited to full fieldwork activity. Farmers and ranchers main activities consisted of caring for livestock and doing what fieldwork was possible. According to county agents, the average days suitable for fieldwork statewide were four days during our survey period--only slightly more than the previous week. Oat and barley seedings ranged from zero to nearly completed in several counties, averaging statewide 40% and 35%, respectively. Last year at this time, virtually all oats and barley were planted.

Topsoil moisture supplies were short in 22%, adequate in 63%, and surplus in 15% of the counties reporting as of last Friday. Subsoil moisture supplies were short in 82% of the counties compared to only 4% last year at this time.

CROPS (Cont.)

Winter wheat is in mostly fair to good condition statewide. The weighted average condition for the State averaged 72% compared with 71% a week ago and 86% last year at this time. Reports ranged from poor to good with two excellent ratings in the southeast. Reports indicate that the weather improved the wheat condition, but additional rains will be needed as the season progresses. Soil-borne mosaic was reported in several counties of the southeast and east central districts.

Alfalfa and wild hay are both in mostly fair condition. Growth is still slow due to the continued cool, wet weather.

Sugar beet planting is continuing with good progress in the west. Most counties report being nearly completed.

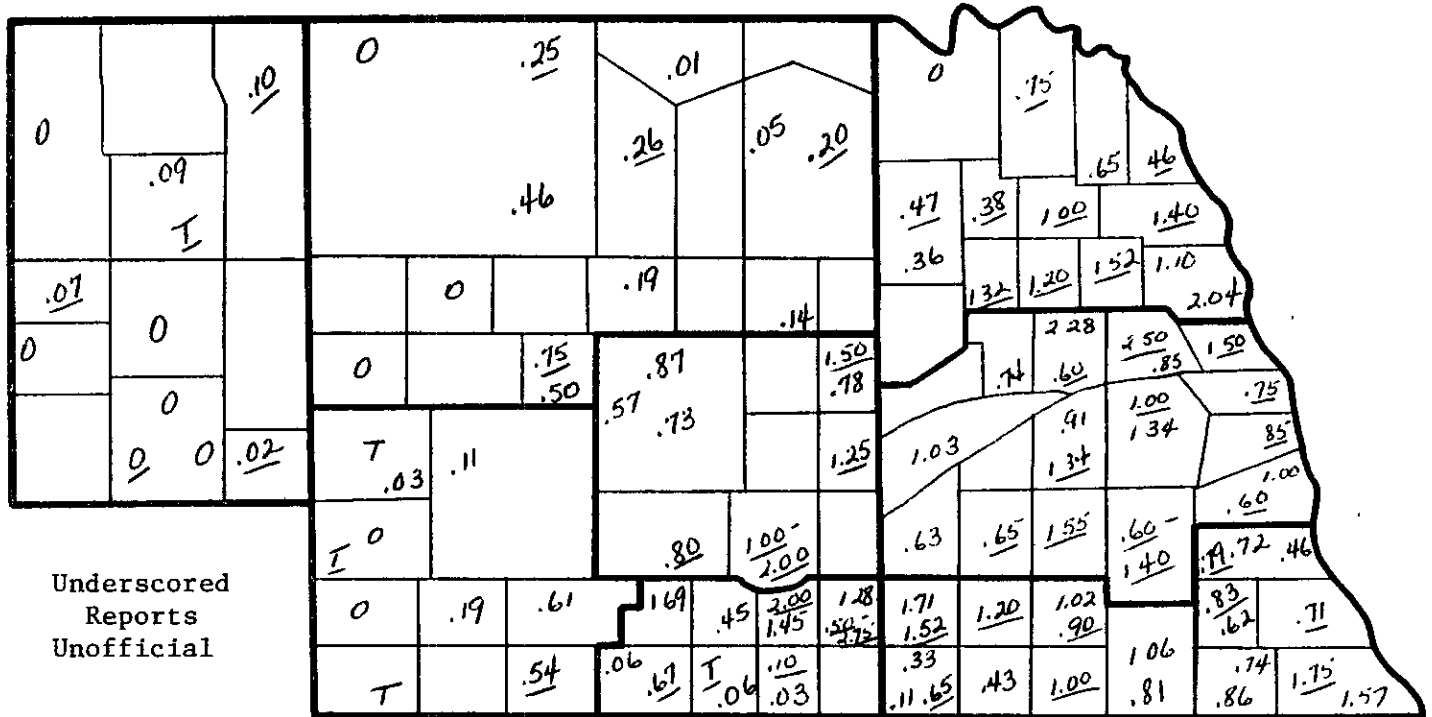
LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed conditions are short in 87% of the counties reporting. Pastures continue to grow slowly due to the lack of warm, drying weather. Several reports indicate many farmers and ranchers are trying to stretch their roughage supplies until the pastures are ready. Others are already moving cattle to summer pastures.

Precipitation, April 1 - April 25, 1975

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week.....	.00	.20	1.40	.70	1.00	.20	.70	.80
Total since April 1.....	.90	1.40	3.20	2.80	2.70	1.00	1.80	2.50
Normal since April 1.....	1.33	1.60	1.94	1.73	2.13	1.41	1.71	2.15

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 1975



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 1975

Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1/</u>
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	81	33	58	--	.13
	Scottsbluff	86	32	58	+8	.47
	Sidney	81	37	58	--	0
NC	Burwell	--	--	--	--	--
	Valentine	87	34	61	+11	T
NE	Norfolk	75	41	57	+4	1.19
	Sioux City	74	38	58	+4	2.24
CEN	Grand Island	75	37	59	+5	.83
EC	Lincoln	78	40	61	+6	1.26
	Omaha	79	43	62	+6	1.65
SW	Imperial	85	32	62	--	0
	North Platte	85	35	60	+9	.69

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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